COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, the *2nd of August 1933.*
18th of Karkadagam 1108.

The House met at half-past eleven of the clock with the President in the Chair. Messrs. C. Barton Wright, M. A. Chakko, A. G. Menon, K. T. Mathew and A. R. Menon were absent.

Questions and Answers.

Representation—Public Service—Muslim Deputation.

101. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a copy of the scheme for providing the unrepresented communities in our public service contained in the consolatory promise of Mr. Herbert to the Muslim Deputation that waited on him long, long ago ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The question of starting a Public Service Commission is engaging the attention of the Government.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know Sir, whether the scheme do not refer to the fixing of proportion in service on the part of the Government themselves?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. The scheme for Public Service Commission would include provision regarding the representation of candidates for selection.

Women holding appointments.

102. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of women holding appointments in departments other than Educational, Medical and Industrial ;

(b) how many of them have been confirmed ;

(c) what steps have been taken by the Government to solve the problem of unemployment among women ;

(d) whether the Government have read the following observation in the Census Report of 1931 (*vide* page 139) that the distress to which educated women are subjected as a result of the growing extent of unemployment in their ranks is the saddest part of the whole affair ?

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